NOIDA as a free trade zone

168. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NOIDA has been declared as a free trade zone; if so, what are the details thereof; and;

(b) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An area of 82 acres in NOIDA has been notified by the Government as an Export Processing Zone with a view to promoting exports form the Northern region. Levelling of the site and construction of boundary wall have been completed. Working on internal roads, blatted factories & service centre progress. Twenty three proposals for setting up export oriented units have been approved. Eleven units have so far taken possession of the land alotted to them.

'Fire fighting equipments in Five Star Hotels

169. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered to conduct a survey of five star hotels in Delhi in order to find out if these hotels possess adequate fire fighting equipments; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. Instructions were isued for carrying out inspections were approved hotels including the five star hotels in Delhi to ensure that they work according to norms, particularly in regard to fire fighting arrangements.

(b) During the inspection of five Star hotels in Delhi, some deficiencies were noticed in the fire fighting arrangements of certain hotels and they been advised to take the necessary remedial measures within a time limit. The implementation of these recommendations is being monitored by the Department of Tourism.

Ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the people killed in fire in Siddhartha Hotel

170. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the people killed in fire in Siddhartha Hotel, New Delhi and also to those injured has been made; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) No such payment has yet been made.

(b) Does not arise.

Modi Spinning and Weaving Mills, Modi Nagar

171. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Modi Spinning and Weaving Mills, Modi, Nagar have not deposited the Provident Fund amount to the tune of Rs. One crore and twenty-nine lakhs from April, 1981 to December 1983;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the Mill Management; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir, According to the Provident Fund authorities which

is an exempted establishment under section 17 (1) (a) of the EPF and Miscellanous Provisions Act, 1952, had failed to transfer provident Fund conditions amounting to Rs. 1.29 crore to their Board of Trustees, for the period from March, 1981 to to December, 1983;

(b) The Regional provident Fund Commissioner has filed prosecutions against the company and its management under Section 14 (2A) of the EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. He as also issued a show cause notice to them for concellation of exemption. In the meanwhile, the management have paid a sum of Rs. .04 crores leaving a balance of Rs. 25 lakhs as on 4-2-1985;

(c) Does not arise.

Production of Coins

172. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of coins of different denominations produced in different mints of the country during the current financial year;

(b) what is the number of coins of different denominations imported from foreign countries;

(c) what is the mode of disbursement of coins for the use of general public;

(d) whether Government aware that shortage of coins still prevails in the country; and

(e) if so, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The denomination wise production of coins in the India Government Mints in the current financial year (from 1st April 1984 to 15th February 1986) is indicated below:

Denominations	Quantity (Figures in million pieces)
Rs. 5/-	26.01
Rs. 1/-	348.21
50 Paise	350.48
25 Paise	237.16
20 Paise.	402.34
10 Paise	402.33
5 Paise	54.34
TOTAL	1820.77

(b) The position as on 15th February, 1986 is:

Denomination	(Figures in million Pieces Quantity
Rupee 1/-	542.17
50 Paise	445.35
25 Paise	109.57
TOTAL	1097.09

(c) Coins minted in India and those imported from abroad are handed over to the R.B.I. R.B.I. despatches coins to their Issue Offices and from there to the Coin depots numbering about 1800 from where Banks receive coins for distribution to the public. Government Departments like Railways, Posts and Telegraphs etc., also receive coins in bulk quantities from RBI for distribution .Besides, public sector banks also collect coins from RBI for distribution to the public.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) (i) Recently working hours in the Mints have been increased to 60 hours per shift per week in order to step up production. (ii) To meet the immediate shortage of Coins, steps have been taken to import coins from abroad.(iii) The existing Mints are being modernised (iv) A new Mint with an annual capacity of 2000 million pieces is being established at NOIDA, UP. It is expected that the Mint would be commissioned in 1988-89.